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Methods of Stretching Films and Such Films For:

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-16, 19, and 43-46.

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

- 17. A film obtained by the method of biaxially stretching a polymeric film according to an overbias or overstretch stretch profile to a final first direction stretch parameter and a final second direction stretch parameter, the method comprising the steps of:
- a) imparting a sufficiently high temperature to the film to allow biaxial stretch;